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I support the Lynn Canal Highway project because it will provide for financial diversity for Juneau and make Juneau more accessible to those who need or wish to visit or move here. Also, for long-term Juneau citizens, a road out would provide us with a way out if we wish to hit the road and drive somewhere. Those of us who can't afford frequent trips via the ferry or by airplane would have an option. Also, if the road were built, other communities would have a better reason to seek the funding to link up.

Sitka would undoubtedly grow initially, then other communities would follow.

This would provide Southeast Alaska with enough of a population base to better sustain it if oil reserves were to become depleted. That is my initial take on the prospect. Only building the road would validate my theories. Thank you.